

**From:** Fred Wolters  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 27, 2003 5:10 PM  
**Subject:** More regulation, less concentration of media ownership, please

Dear Chairman Powell:

I would like to voice my disagreement with the FCC's proposal to change the present rules limiting how many radio and television stations and newspapers a single company can own.

I've read arguments saying that new media such as the internet and satellite radio open enough opportunity for diversity of opinion that radio ownership regulations are no longer needed, but I disagree. Radio, TV and newspapers are the main windows to the world for many people, who neither use the internet for purposes of public affairs information nor listen to satellite radio.

The airwaves are a public resource. Those who are given the use of them should have to serve the community by presenting diverse opinion, news sources, entertainment, etc. The concentration of the media into fewer hands does a disservice to the community and should be regulated.

Furthermore, I would like to mention that I find it passing strange that the FCC has no information about this pending policy change on their website nor do they seem to be inviting public comment. It almost seems that they are trying to avoid informing the public and asking for public input. I think it is time for Congress to take an interest in these matters and pass legislation that will encourage diversity in radio and television.

Thanks,

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For alternative news, check out <http://www.commondreams.org>

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**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 27, 2003 5:18 PM  
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Sincerely,

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Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Senator Barbara Boxer  
Representative Nancy Pelosi

**From:** Dave Kroske  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 27, 2003 6:58 PM  
**Subject:** June 2nd ruling

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High Springs, Florida 32643

cc:  
Senator Bob Graham  
Representative Cliff Stearns  
Senator Bill Nelson

**From:** Mary Linton or Brad  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 27, 2003 8:24 PM  
**Subject:** Media ownership & concentration - Proposed rules

Hi.

I heard Commissioner Adelstein on the radio recently on the topic of proposed rules on increasing media ownership concentration. I wanted to send my comments. I tried the ECFS (Electronic Comment Filing System) on the FCC website, using docket number 02-277; the system told me I could not submit comments. I haven't been able to find out why I cannot submit comments, whether I used the wrong number, I have missed a cut-off date, or what.

At any rate, here are my comments. If you can help me direct them where they will be counted, I would greatly appreciate your help.

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April 16, 2003

Dear FCC:

I am writing to you today regarding Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and should impose even stricter public interest requirements.

By allowing our media outlets to merge print and broadcast facilities, citizens will have fewer and less diverse sources of news and information available. This will seriously weaken the public's ease of access to important news, and as a result it is a serious threat to the very foundation of our nation's democracy.

I believe we have seen a lot of increasing media concentration since 1996. These proposed rule changes are not making the news on any of the now-even-larger media conglomerates - of course not, since it would not be in their interest to have the public aware of these proposed changes. They stand to see much greater profits through increasing oligopoly. The only way I heard of these rule changes was via public TV and public radio.

Did the commissioners ever study economics? Do you remember the concepts of monopoly, natural monopoly, oligopoly and "economic profit"? If any of the commissioners are rusty, this would be a great time to brush up.

I saw mention in some FCC document of better or improved programming as a potential benefit of greater media concentration. I think this "potential" benefit is a fantasy. With the increased concentration since 1996, I have seen no improvement in programming in the for-profit sector at all. There are more channels, but because of so much common ownership, the number of channels does not correlate with more real choice or more or better information for the public.



The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public.

Thank you,

Mary Linton  
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San Ramon, CA 94583

**From:** amberdawn01@yahoo.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
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**From:** dnesbitt@idiom.com  
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**From:** Gene Bryson  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 27, 2003 9:38 PM  
**Subject:** deregulation of media outlet ownership

It still seems to me that the Bush Administration and you are determined to limit access to the airwaves by deregulating the no. of media outlets a corporation can own. The guys with the biggest bank account wins it all. It seems to fit all too easily with the current administration's desire to controll the media content. So ultimately we have a military/industrial/monopolistic propaganda machine. Is this your idea of democracy? Should the richest be given divine rights of rulership i.e. the monarchs of the middle ages?

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**From:** LNeve34@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 27, 2003 10:31 PM  
**Subject:** Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell,

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If media ownership rules are seriously weakened, one company in a town could control the most popular newspaper, TV station, and possibly even a cable system giving it dominant influence over the content and slant of local news. Such a move would reduce the diversity of cultural and political discussion in a community. It could also raise costs for businesses and candidates that use local media for advertising.

While the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on media ownership, it proposed no actual rule. Accordingly, no public comment has been received on any specific changes. We believe that additional input from the public will help the Commission see the strengths and weaknesses of any new approach.

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**From:** Micki98226@aol.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 12:04 AM  
**Subject:** FCC cross ownership rules

The FCC must preserve existing cross ownership rules to help ensure that local newspapers and broadcasters remain separate watchdogs over one another.

Given the trends toward corporate ownership concentration, what media diversity and competitiveness remains is critically necessary to serve the public interest.

There has not been adequate and open debate on this very important issue before the FCC -- do not lift the ban on the cross ownership rules. The cross ownership rules have worked well for a quarter of a century -- it's not broke, so don't try to fix it! Especially when most Americans are in the dark on this issue.

Michaelyn Jackson  
Bellingham WA 98226

**From:** maryann\_oco OCONNOR  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 1:07 AM  
**Subject:** do not loosen regs

Dear Mr. Powell,

Speaking for myself and on behalf of relatives and friends, we ask that you do not loosen regulations. We ask that you do not act to increase concentration of media into fewer hands. Democracy itself is at stake. Your job is to act on behalf of the public interest.

Mary Ann O'Connor  
4332 E. Nisbet Rd  
Phoenix, Arizona

**From:** Lia vondamm  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 28, 2003 1:08 AM  
**Subject:** I do NOT support MEDIA CONSOLIDATION!!!!!!!

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